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SENATOR CORREA CHAIRS SENATE HEARING ON INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FOR ORANGE COUNTY

Santa Ana - Today, Senator Lou Correa, Chair of the Select Committee on OC Infrastructure and Technology, convened a hearing to discuss Propositions 84, 1C, 1D and 1E, passed by voters last November. The hearing consisted of three panels addressing bonds relative to natural resources (water and parks), affordable housing and education, all of which will receive approximately \$20 Billion, statewide, with passage of the 2008 budget.

More than 200 local elected officials, community activists and interested residents attended the hearing to listen to experts on these issues from the Governor's office, the legislature and statewide coalitions. Senator Correa indicated that there needs to be more communication between state and local governments to help get bond dollars to Orange County. He said "I hope the hearing will shed light on the very complex process to get bond dollars to the local level and to ensure Orange County gets its fair share."

Correa added, "This was a step toward my objective of collecting information from local agencies and organizations to assist lawmakers in Sacramento when making policy decisions that affect Orange County."

Senator Correa stated that with the budget negotiations heating up in Sacramento, the hearing was necessary and timely. He will take the materials presented at the hearing to Sacramento to share with his Orange County colleagues.

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